

# San Joaquin Valley and Associated Counties RPU

San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare,  
Kern / Inyo / Mono



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## Proposed Program

Goal—To provide workforce development and training targeting the Re-Entry Population by aligning career services, training, education and other services through partnerships to reduce recidivism.

SJVAC WDBs adhere to a shared philosophy, guiding principals, and general approach. While our regional approaches are similar in design, local conditions require that the program be tailored to fit local needs. We have planned our direct services, and supportive services—earn and learn programs with the key components of partnerships, a service model, and direct and supportive services plans.

*“I thought after my felony  
my life was going to be  
over....I learned it was a  
process...I feel better  
about myself and now  
have a path to a career”*

- Christine M.

## Key Components

- ♦ **Partnerships**—Our bifurcated focus with the County Probation (AB109 Population), and CDCR, and Rehabilitation Facilities within the SJVAC RPU has increased the intensity of existing relationships with probation, law enforcement agencies, community based organizations, and employer partners. With the resources from the CWDB-funded P2E implementation and direct services grant, every local board will foster a strong, well-defined relationship with its probation agency to promote maximum job readiness and employment opportunities for individuals under probation supervision. Our community based organizations and employer partnerships are valuable resources in serving the reentry population.
- ♦ **RESET Model—Readiness for Employment through Sustainable Education and Training (RESET) is a Job Readiness and Work Entry Program provided by the Tulare County Probation Department.** The SJVAC RPU program model builds off the experiences of Tulare County for the pre- and post-release activities detailed in the flow chart provided on slide 6 of our presentation. Program Goals:
  - Provide persons re-entering the community with the skills, knowledge and resources to obtain and retain employment
  - Act as an umbrella organization for re-entry programs and initiatives for returning citizens
  - Establish a strong network of partner organizations to promote community-wide collaboration in re-entry
  - Create programming and training that best meets the needs of returning citizens

## Data Considered for Program Design

The most recent data reveals that for the Supervised Population in the SJVAC RPU, there exists 11,568 Parole/Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and 49,178 Probation Population individuals for a total of 60,745 representing 16.1% of the total State Supervised Population. <sup>1</sup> *The substantial increase in re-release of inmates is the critical basis for planning for reentry of offenders into the community.* Investing in the inmate's reentry promises a better return on the cost of administering justice.

<sup>1</sup>CDCR Office of Research as of 12/2017 Offender Demographic and Census Report, California County Probation Data Dashboard as of 06/2017

## ♦ Services

**Direct Services Plan**—Our participant plan for direct services is based on the goal of serving 69 individuals in the pre-release component throughout the 13 CDCR facilities within the SJVAC Region.

**Supporting Service / Earn and Learn Plan**—Focus on Job Retention—individual supportive services (e.g. housing, financial literacy training, transportation, counseling, and health services) will need to stay in place while reentry clients are transitioning. Our goal is to serve 151 participants in this area.

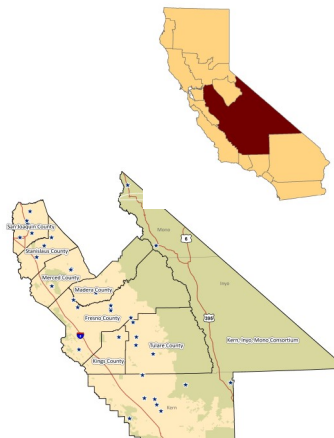
## HIGHLIGHTS

### New partnership with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

- ♦ Establishing a single point of contact
- ♦ Recruit, identify, and refer participants
- ♦ PACT – Parole and Community Team Meeting
  - Monthly collaborative meetings
  - Share resources and events
  - Provide overview of AJCC services
  - Connect with Resources
  - Child Support
  - Community Based Organizations
  - Attended regional forums

### Non-ETPL Training

- ♦ Forklift and OSHA-10



## Strategies

- Referrals
- Co-Case Manage
- Warm-handoff
- Advocacy
- Training Opportunities
- Retention
- Collaboration
- Supportive Services

### Unique to SJVAC RPU:

- 10 Counties
- 8 Local Boards
- Largest RPU—40,760 square miles
- Population Range: 14,202 — 1 million+
- 40% of the 35 adult facilities operated by CDCR are located in the SJVAC RPU
- ~7,086 transitioning inmates annually of 47,240 inmates

## Success

After serving an 18 year sentence, Richard was living in a temporary substance housing facility and had many barriers. He was referred to the Employment Connection by Porterville Addiction Abuse Recovery Center. With reservations, he enrolled in the Supervised 3.0 program August 2018 and received Career Services and support. With encouragement, career guidance, and motivation, he received unsubsidized placement in September of 2018 and was able to receive supportive services for appropriate work clothing through this project. Richard had not been to a department store in over 18 years and the experience was life changing. Dedicated staff guided Richard through this new experience and was advised he did not need to do this alone. Through partnerships, Richard received ongoing retention support and remained successfully employed.